

I am wondering what happened to fair and balanced in this scenario? Why is the FCC allowing one individual to broadcast a "show" that is clearly a commercial for political gain? Isn't the FCC working for the citizens of the United States? Who pays the salaries of the FCC, presidents or citizens? Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please stop this crime. Make the public airways "our" communication network and not the powerful elites. Thank you.